## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at the paragraph beginning page 14, line 25 and continuing to page 15, line 19 as follows:

In operation, that is to say when the fibre slivers are running in direction A, the toothed belt 47 moves in direction G. Starting from the toothed belt wheel 47 arranged on the drive motor 19, the toothed belt 47 runs successively over a toothed belt wheel 45, a smooth guide pulley wheel 46, the toothed belt wheel 40 (roller-driving pulley wheel for the lower roller III), the toothed belt wheel 41 (roller-driving pulley wheel for the lower roller III), a smooth guide pulley wheel 42 and a toothed belt wheel 43. As shown in Fig. 3c, the belt 47 has a toothed side 47a and a smooth side 47b. By means of its teeth, the toothed belt 47, by means of teeth 47a (Fig. 3c), is in positive engagement with the toothed belt wheels 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45. The smooth side 47b (reverse) (Fig. 3c) of the toothed belt 47, opposite the toothed side, is in contact and in engagement with the smooth guide pulley wheels 46 and 42. The toothed belt 47 loops around all the pulley wheels 40 to 46. In operation (when the fibre slivers are running in direction A during drafting), the toothed belt wheels 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45 rotate clockwise and the guide pulley wheels 42 and 46 rotate anti-clockwise.